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Iraq Weekly Status Report

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Highlights

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[1.] Defeat the Terrorists and Neutralize the Insurgency

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Coalition Forces Kill 10 Terrorists and Destroy Suicide Vests and Weapons:

- In an early morning raid on May 2, 40 kilometers southwest of Balad, coalition forces killed 10 terrorists, wounded one, and uncovered five suicide vests (three worn by the terrorists), grenades, rifles, a machine gun, explosives, blasting caps, and \$1000 in US currency.

Samara Al-Qaida Terrorist Leader Killed:

- Coalition forces killed the al-Qaeda "Emir" of Samarra, Hamadi 'Abd al-Tahki al-Nissani, along with two other terrorists on April 28, approximately 15 kilometers north of Samarra. The troops also uncovered an RPG launcher, multiple rockets, explosives, ammunition, grenades, and AK-47s.



[2.] Transition to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

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Iraqi Military Academy Graduates 158 New Lieutenants:

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Iraqi National Police Graduate 1,143 from the Public Order Division Academy:

- 1,143 new policemen graduated from the Public Order Division Numaniyah Academy on April 23. They are the ninth class to graduate from the Academy, which has trained more than 10,000 police. The graduates will join Iraq's National Police units, including the National Police Commandos.

Iraqi Police Service Graduates 1,278 from Academies in Mosul and Hillah:

- On April 27, a total of 1,278 new policemen graduated from the basic training courses at the Mosul and Hillah police training academies. The new police patrolmen will immediately begin service at their assigned stations.



[2.] Transition Iraq to Security Self-Reliance – Iraqi Security Forces

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ministry of Interior Forces

COMPONENT	TRAINED & EQUIPPED
POLICE	~97,300
HIGHWAY PATROL	
OTHER MOI FORCES	~41,400
TOTAL	~138,700*

Ministry of Defense Forces

COMPONENT	OPERATIONAL
ARMY	~113,600***
AIR FORCE	~600
NAVY	~800
TOTAL	~115,000**

Total Trained & Equipped ISF:

~253,700****

* Ministry of Interior Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are included in these numbers

** Ministry of Defense Forces: Unauthorized absence personnel are not included in these numbers

*** Army numbers include Special Operations Forces and Support Forces

**** Does not include the approximately 144,000 Facilities Protection Service personnel working in 27 ministries

Data as of May 3, 2006 (updated bi-weekly by DOD)



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Developments**

Parliament Meets for First Full Legislative Session:

- On May 3, Iraq's parliament met for its first full legislative session since it was elected in December. Parliament Speaker Mahmoud Mashhadani announced that the formation of a committee to review the constitution would not occur until the new cabinet is appointed. Iraqi Prime Minister-designate Nuri Maliki is in the process of selecting this new cabinet and has until May 22 to complete this task; should he fail, the constitution dictates that another prime minister be selected. Iraq's parliament is due to convene again on May 10.

President Talibani Sees Possible Deal With Some Insurgent Groups:

- Iraqi President Jalal Talabani said April 30 that he had met insurgents and that a deal to end violence could be reached with some groups. "I believe that a deal could be reached with seven armed groups that visited me," Talabani said in a statement released by his office. A US embassy spokeswoman said the US position has always been to try to persuade insurgents to join the political process who are not associated with Saddam Hussein or Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the al Qaeda leader in Iraq.



[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government - Iraqi Transitional Government

		Deputy President	President	Deputy President	
		Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawr	Jalal Talabani	'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi	
			Prime Minister		
			Ibrahim al-Ja'fari		
Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister			Deputy Prime Minister	Deputy Prime Minister
Rawsh Shaways	'Abd Mutlak al-Juburi			Ahmad al-Chalabi	Vacant
Minister of Agriculture	Minister of Communications	Minister of Culture	Minister of Defense	Minister of Displacement & Migration	Minister of Electricity
Ali al-Bahadili	Juwan Fu'ad Ma'sum (F)	Nuri al-Rawi	Sa'dun al-Dulaymi	Suhayla al-Kinani (F)	Muhsin Shallash
Minister of Education	Minister of Environment	Minister of Finance	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Minister of Health	Minister of Higher Education
Abdul Mun'im al-Falah Hasan	Narmin 'Uthman (F)	'Ali 'Allawi	Hoshyar Zebari	Abd al-Muttalib al-Rubay'i	Sami al-Muzaffar
Minister of Human Rights	Minister of Industry & Minerals	Minister of Interior	Minister of Justice	Minister of Housing & Construction	Minister of Labor & Social Affairs
Vacant	Usama al-Najafi	Bayan Jabr	'Abd al-Husayn Shandal	Jasim Ja'far	Idris Hadi
Minister of Oil	Minister of Planning	Minister of Trade	Minister of Science & Technology	Minister of Municipalities & Public Works	Minister of Transportation
Hashem al-Hashemi (Acting)	Barham Salih	'Abd al-Basit Mawlud	Basima Butrus (F)	Nasreen Berwari (F)	Salam al-Maliki
Minister of Water Resources	Minister of Youth & Sports	Minister of State for Civil Society	Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs	Minister of State for National Security Affairs	
'Abd al-Latif Rashid	Talib Aziz al-Zaini	'Ala' abib Kazim	Safa' al-Din al-Safi	'Abd al-Karim al-'Anzi	
		Minister of State for Provinces	Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities	Minister of State for Women's Affairs	
		Sa'd al-Hardan	Hashim al-Hashimi	Azhar al-Shaykhli (F)	

(F) = Female

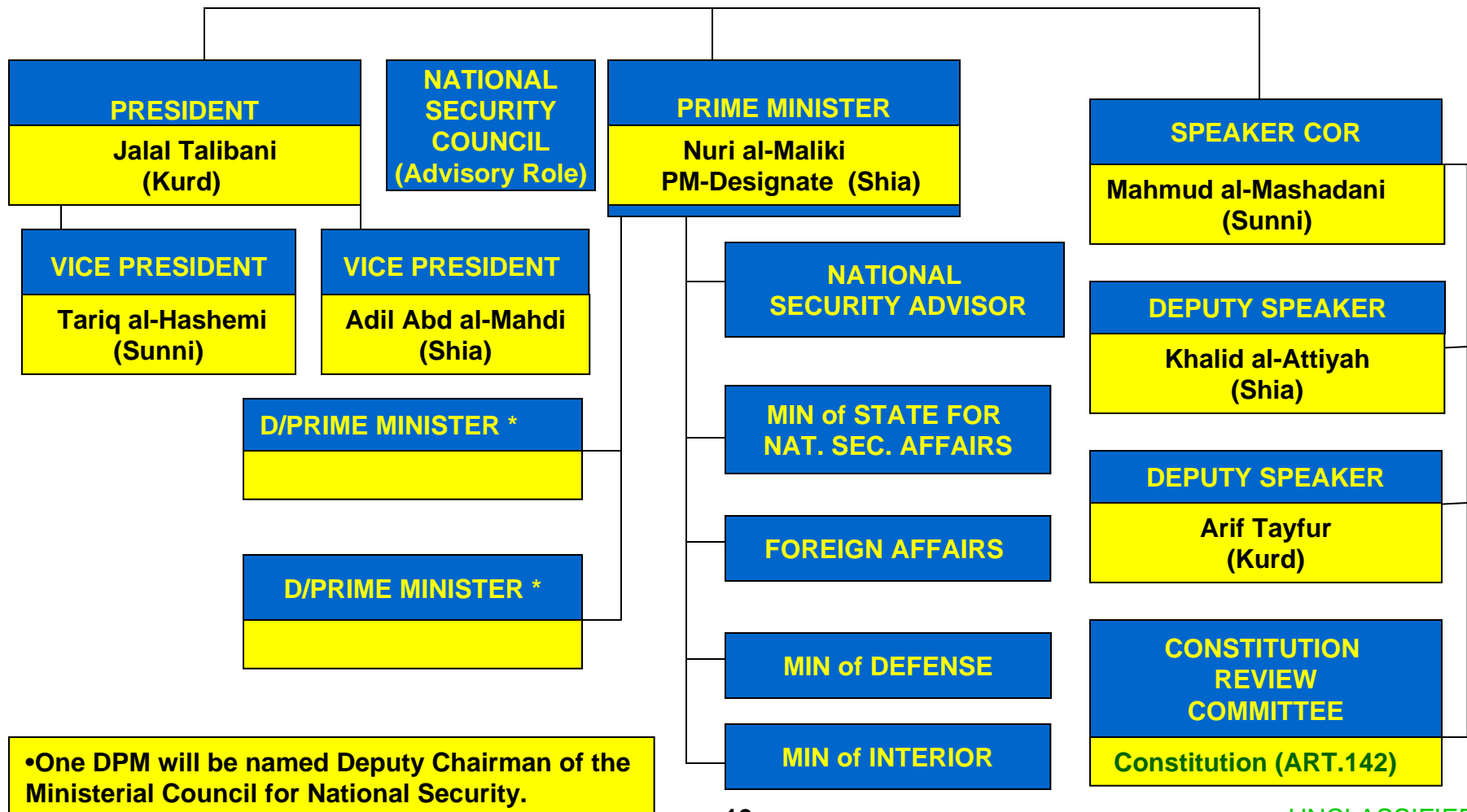


[3.] Help Iraqis to Forge a National Compact for Democratic Government– **Presidency Council & Office of Prime Minister**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Executive Branch

Legislative Branch





[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Financials from Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and IRRF 2

(Millions of USD)

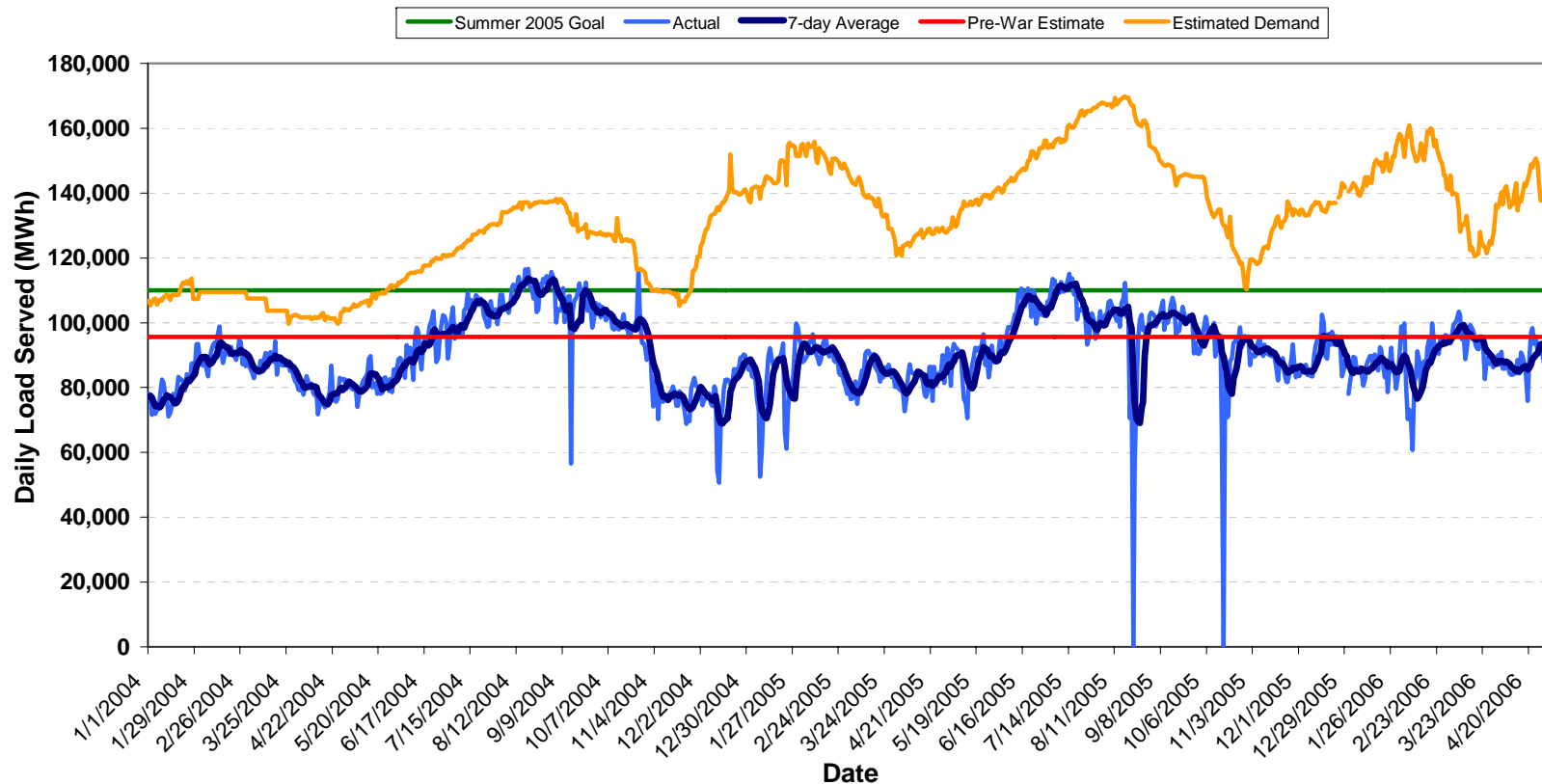
Sector	Apportioned		Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	2207 Report	Apportion	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law Enforcement	\$5,036.00	\$5,036.00	\$4,932.91	\$4,928.03	-\$4.88	\$4,895.62	\$4,896.37	\$0.75	\$4,462.67	\$4,473.31	\$10.64
Electricity Sector	\$4,220.02	\$4,220.02	\$4,031.90	\$4,029.79	-\$2.11	\$3,537.87	\$3,547.16	\$9.29	\$2,136.21	\$2,149.97	\$13.76
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,735.60	\$1,735.60	\$1,617.63	\$1,686.52	\$68.89	\$1,545.83	\$1,567.48	\$21.65	\$880.23	\$882.40	\$2.18
Justice, Public Safety and Civil Society	\$1,315.95	\$1,315.95	\$1,217.34	\$1,219.64	\$2.30	\$1,187.45	\$1,190.49	\$3.03	\$830.20	\$831.76	\$1.56
Democracy	\$1,033.85	\$1,033.85	\$982.36	\$983.66	\$1.30	\$982.42	\$983.38	\$0.96	\$716.86	\$712.09	-\$4.77
Education, Refugees, Human Rights, Governance	\$410.00	\$410.00	\$354.47	\$354.67	\$0.20	\$340.13	\$353.61	\$13.48	\$260.46	\$266.79	\$6.33
Roads, Bridges and Construction	\$333.71	\$333.71	\$319.47	\$319.47	\$0.00	\$313.15	\$313.21	\$0.06	\$179.42	\$179.70	\$0.28
Health Care	\$739.00	\$739.00	\$717.87	\$718.92	\$1.05	\$674.98	\$676.12	\$1.14	\$444.51	\$452.47	\$7.96
Transportation and Communications	\$465.51	\$465.51	\$442.09	\$443.43	\$1.33	\$421.36	\$421.41	\$0.05	\$260.36	\$265.18	\$4.82
Water Resources and Sanitation	\$2,131.08	\$2,131.08	\$1,767.50	\$1,834.20	\$66.70	\$1,553.30	\$1,576.62	\$23.32	\$963.69	\$991.09	\$27.40
Private Sector Development	\$805.28	\$805.28	\$788.87	\$788.87	\$0.00	\$782.39	\$782.39	\$0.00	\$614.89	\$615.40	\$0.51
Admin Expense (USAID, STATE)	\$213.00	\$213.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$212.44	\$212.44	\$0.00	\$92.26	\$92.25	\$0.00
IRRF II Total	\$18,439.00	\$18,439.00	\$17,384.84	\$17,519.62	\$134.78	\$16,446.94	\$16,520.68	\$73.73	\$11,841.76	\$11,912.41	\$70.66
IRRF 2 Construction			\$10,014.34	\$10,085.34	\$71.00	\$9,276.26	\$9,320.93	\$44.67	\$6,145.71	\$6,194.65	\$48.93
IRRF 2 Non-Construction			\$6,388.14	\$6,450.62	\$62.48	\$6,188.26	\$6,216.37	\$28.10	\$4,979.18	\$5,005.68	\$26.50
IRRF 2 Democracy			\$975.05	\$976.35	\$1.30	\$974.79	\$975.21	\$0.42	\$716.86	\$712.09	-\$4.77
IRRF I Total	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,473.30	\$2,473.30	\$0.00	\$2,406.60	\$2,406.60	\$0.00
IRRF I and IRRF II Total	\$20,912.30	\$20,912.30	\$19,858.14	\$19,992.92	\$134.78	\$18,920.24	\$18,993.98	\$73.73	\$14,248.36	\$14,319.01	\$70.66

As of May 2, 2006



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – Electricity Overview

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004



- Electricity availability in Baghdad decreased in the last week (April 25- May 1 2006) to an average of 4.6 hours per day. Hours of power outside Baghdad, however, remain above pre-war levels of 12 hours.
- Demand is increasing with elevated seasonal temperatures.
- Electricity output since the start of 2006 is 1 percent higher than it was for the same period in 2005.
- On May 2, the Ministry of Electricity recovered from a blackout of large portions of the national grid. The failure was caused by a low-frequency trip at a power plant, which resulted in a cascading series of shutdowns of power plants across much of Iraq.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Electricity, Public Health, and Healthcare**

Electricity:

- On April 28, installation of the Erbil overload transformer project in Irbil was completed. This \$4.9 million Gulf Region Division - Project Contracting Office (GRD-PCO) project placed 48 transformers and associated distribution lines in the Iskan, Setagan, Zanayan, Ainkawa, Nishtiman, Kurdistan, Nawroz, and Koran subdivisions. The Irbil transformer project will benefit more than 40,000 Iraqis.
- GRD-PCO's \$3.4 million Bardaka Electrical Substation project in Sulaymaniyah was completed April 27. The substation will provide electrical power to more than 5,000 homes in the area.

Water and Sanitation:

- On April 28, the Tahadi Compact Water Treatment Unit in Fallujah was completed. The project benefits more than 60,000 Fallujah residents.
- GRD-PCO's \$291,000 construction of three water treatment plants in Ninewa Province was completed April 18. The treatment plants will significantly increase the volume of potable water piped to the 1.7 million residents of Mosul.



[4.] Help Iraq Build Government Capacity and Provide Essential Services – **Education and Infrastructure Security**

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Education:

- On April 28, construction was completed on the Adhamiyah Boys High School in Adhamiyah, Baghdad Province. The \$250,000 GRD-PCO project for the school included structural improvements, security upgrades, the installation of a potable water system and a 100 kVA generator.
- GRD-PCO's \$136,000 project to rebuild the Adya School in Taji, Baghdad Province was completed on April 22. The project renovated the existing building and added eight new classrooms and two new restrooms.

Infrastructure Security:

- On April 28, the northern oil pipeline security project in Tameem Province was completed. The \$1.2 million GRD-PCO project included installing new chain link security fencing, concrete block walls around pipes and valves, and building concrete block guard towers at various sites. This project will help security forces to protect the pipelines from Kirkuk to Bayji.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Oil Update and Job Creation

Oil Update:

- Crude oil prices in world markets for the week ending April 28 closed with the following prices:
 - Basrah Light at \$65.01/barrel
 - WTI Cushing at \$70.15/barrel
 - Kirkuk at \$65.15/barrel
 - Dated Brent at \$72.29/barrel
 - Oman/Dubai at \$66.45/barrel

Employment Update:

- The following chart shows the number of Iraqis employed by USG-administered projects:

Employing Organization	Iraqis Last Week	Iraqis This Week	% Increase on Week
PCO (Project and Contracting Office)	31,089	31,089	0.00%
USAID	67,076	63,444	-5.41%
AIRP (Accelerated Iraqi Reconstruction Program)	1,158	1,158	0.00%
MILCON (Military Construction)	233	233	0.00%
CERP*	8,958	8,958	0.00%
MNSTC-I	10,415	10,906	4.71%
IRRF NON-CONSTRUCTION	16,262	16,262	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	135,191	132,050	-0.70%

Data as of April 25 * CERP employment numbers are representative of Baghdad only.

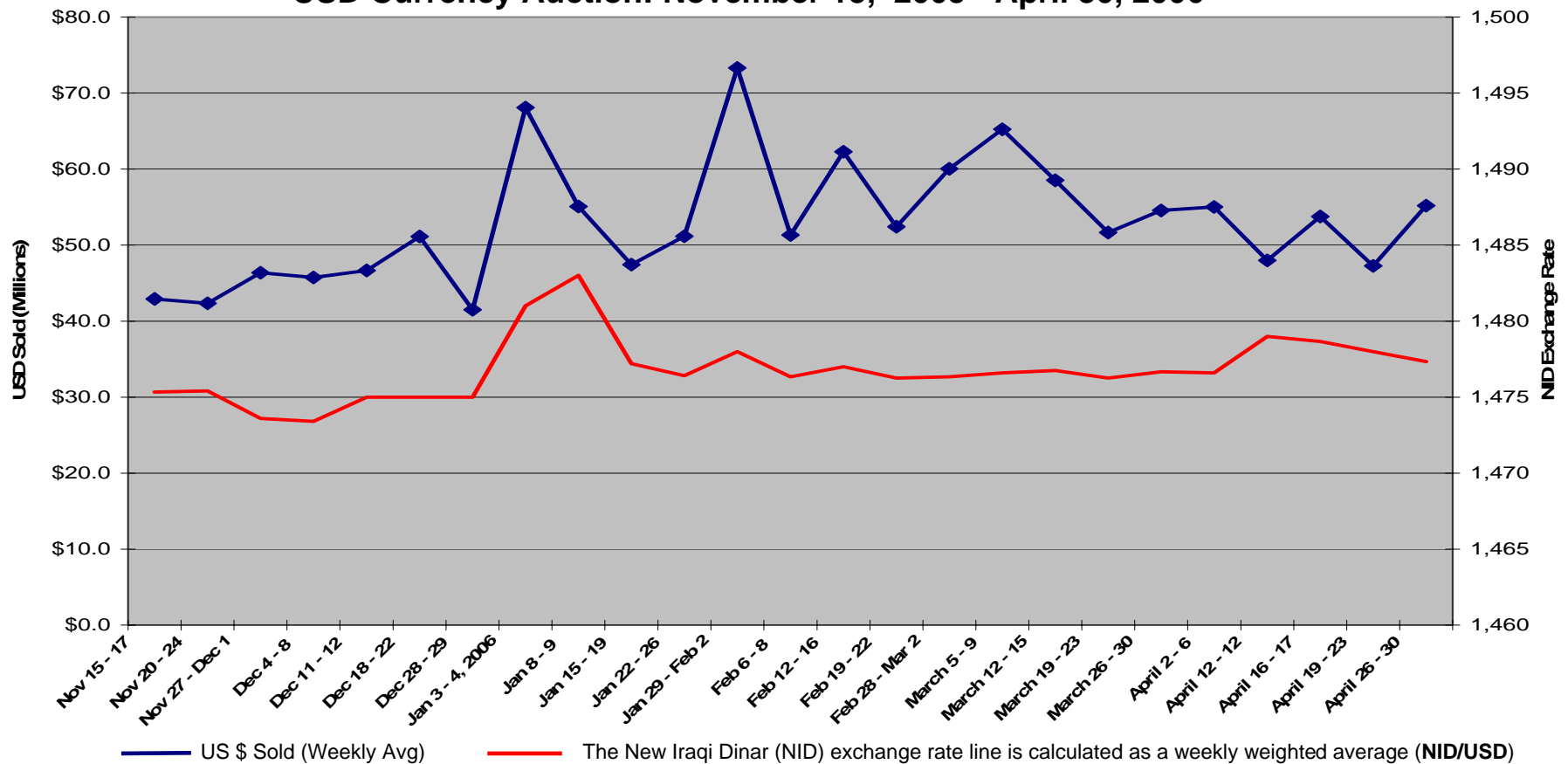


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy - Banking Sector

Central Bank's US Dollar (USD) Currency Auction:

- The following table shows volume sold and exchange rates for USD in the Iraqi currency auction since November 15, 2005. The dinar remained stable against the dollar this week, ending at 1,477 dinars per USD on April 30.

Central Bank of Iraq
USD Currency Auction: November 15, 2005 - April 30, 2006



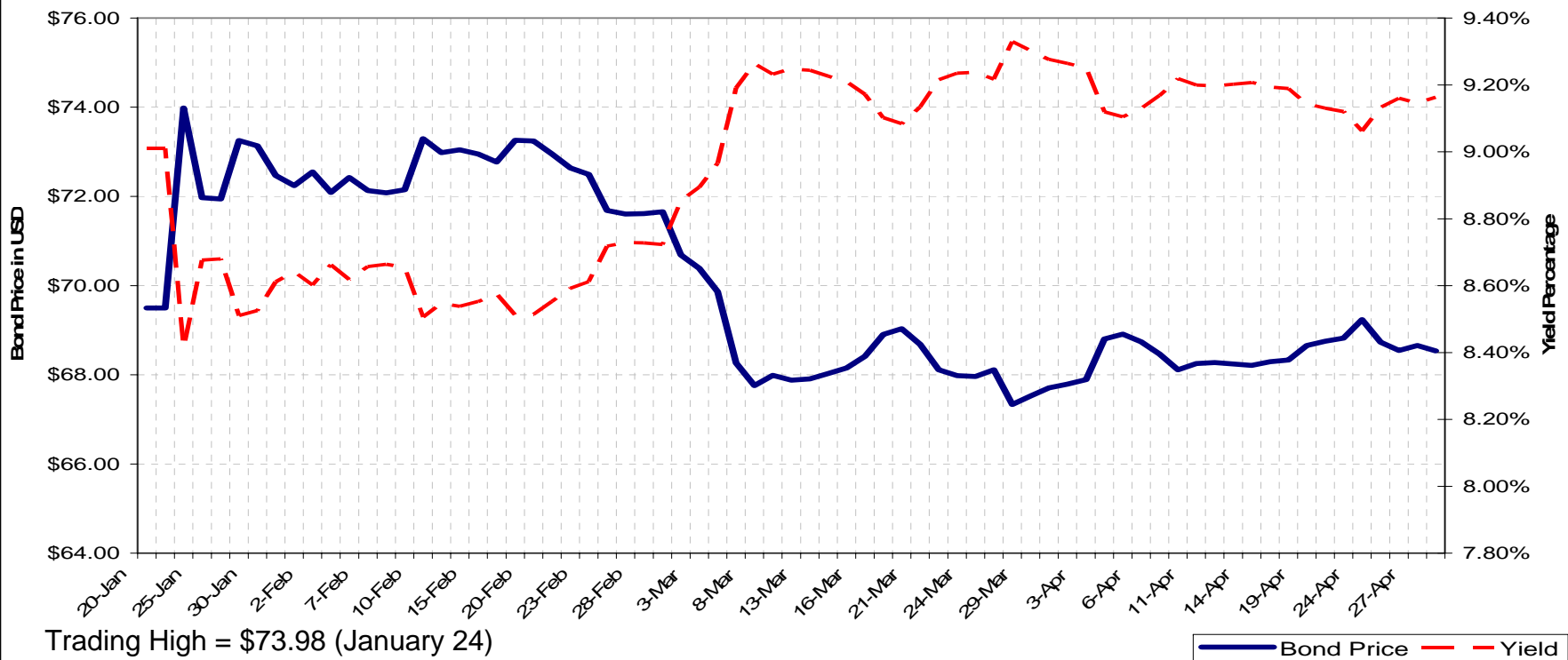


[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Securities Markets

Trading of Iraqi Bonds on the International Secondary Bond Market:

- The following table shows the daily bond resale price and yield on Iraqi bonds issued January 20. The bonds were originally issued to about two-thirds of Iraq's commercial creditors as part of a debt exchange arrangement at Paris Club terms. Iraq's commercial debt was approximately \$22 billion before the debt-swap arrangement. The bonds, which are not yet rated, will mature in 2028. The bonds are currently trading at just under their original asking price. The drop in price and accompanying increase in yield around the end of February probably reflect increased concerns following the February 22 bombing of the Al Askari Mosque in Samarra. The bonds' current yield of 9.16 percent remains one of the highest in the world for sovereign debt instruments.

Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales
January 20, 2006 - April 28, 2006





[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Mortgage Assistance and Commercial Sector Reform

Iraqi Housing Fund:

- The Ministry of Construction and Housing established the Iraqi Housing Fund in late 2004. The Iraqi Government capitalized the Fund with \$200 million of lending capital. It lends at below market interest rates, as set forth in its order, and for up to fifteen years with a maximum of \$12,000.
- As of April 15, the Fund had made 4,421 loans (approximately \$10,000-\$12,000 per loan), and eight hundred homes were completed with about 3,500 under construction. Approximately 44,000 jobs have been created by the construction of these homes.

Insurance Regulatory Commission Capacity Building:

- USAID is assisting the newly-formed Insurance Regulatory Commission (IRC) to draft regulations compliant with international best practices.
- USAID is providing training to the IRC on reporting, licensing, solvency, and consumer complaints practices. When the regulations are in place, the obligations and rights of insurers and policyholders will be more clearly defined. The new regulations will permit more vigorous enforcement of the insurance law.



[5.] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – **Monetary Policy Reporting**

The Central Bank of Iraq (CBI) launches a Key Financial Indicators report:

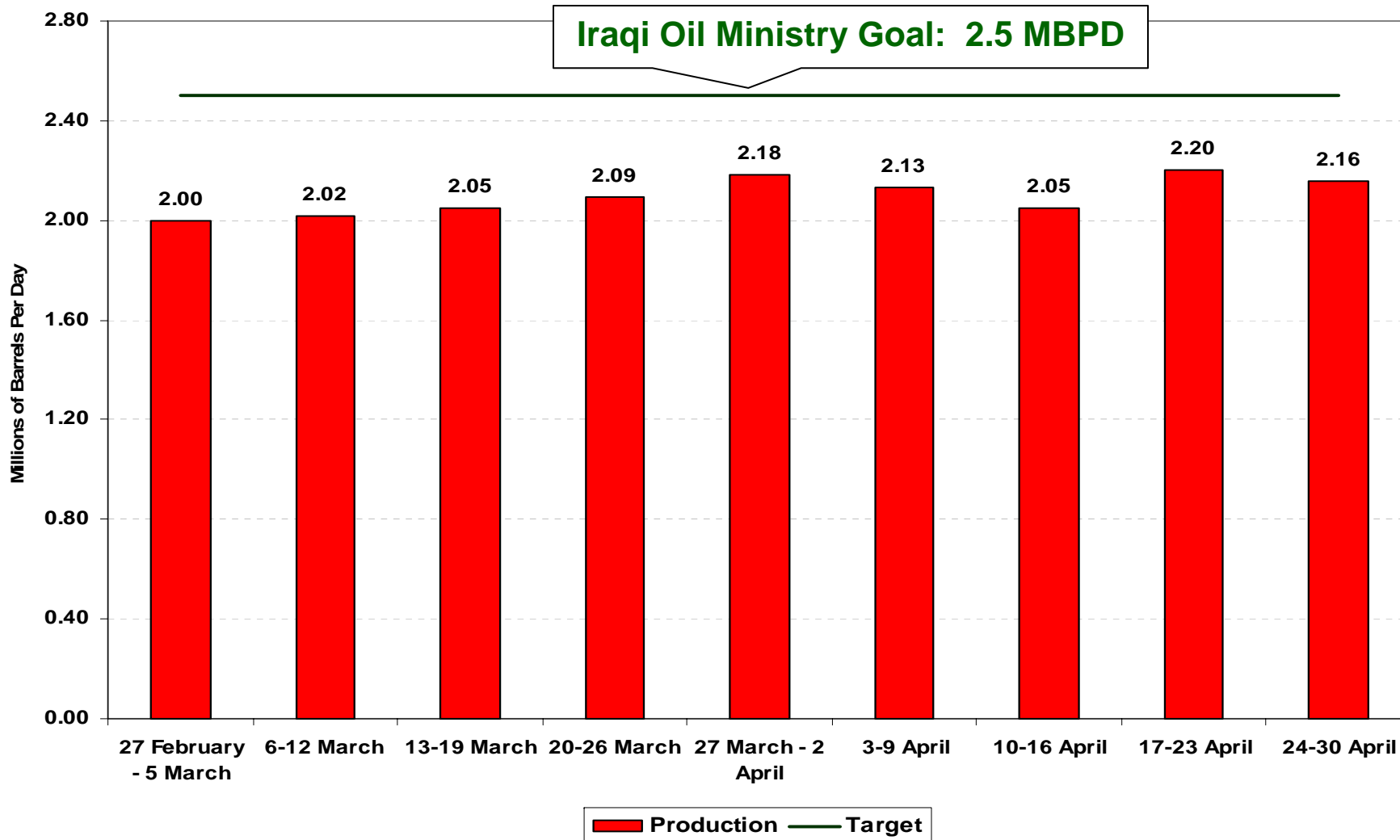
- The CBI Research and Statistics Department published the updated Key Financial Indicators (KFI) for the period ending April 13, 2006, meeting an important International Monetary Fund (IMF) requirement. Covering virtually all of Iraq's significant financial indicators – including the exchange rate, inflation rate, interest rates, monetary base, money supply, and reserve requirements – this report will be updated weekly and is available online at www.cbiraq.org/cbs7.htm.
- Publication of the KFI satisfies many of the data elements required by Iraq's Stand By Arrangement (SBA) with the IMF, and required extensive coordination within the CBI as well as cooperation with the Central Office for Statistics and Information Technology (COSIT), and the Ministry of Finance. USAID advisors assisted CBI Research and Statistics staff to pinpoint appropriate sources of data, validation, reconciliation, and data documentation. The most recent publication marks an important step by the CBI and the government of Iraq towards greater transparency, and the development of a better informed monetary policy decision process.

Agriculture: Crop Spraying Begins:

- MNF-I reported that on May 2 the GoI began aerial pesticide spraying of date palms with U.S. assistance. About 490 acres near Baghdad were sprayed. The GoI also intends to spray the wheat crop. In all, tens of thousands of hectares will be sprayed to eradicate pests that attack crops. Crops had not been sprayed since 2002.



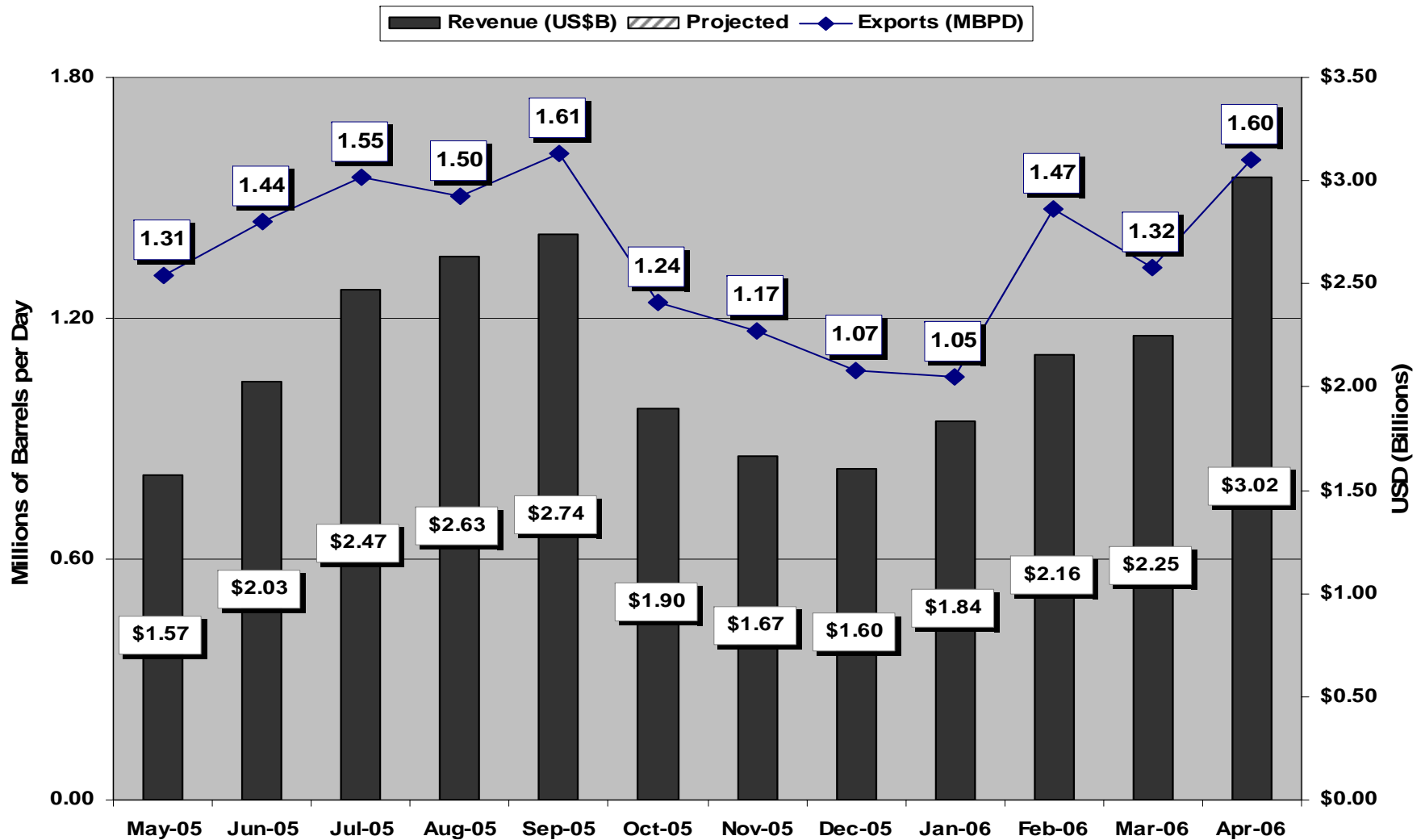
[5.0] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Production



- Weekly Average (Apr 24-30) of 2.16 Million Barrels Per Day (MBPD)



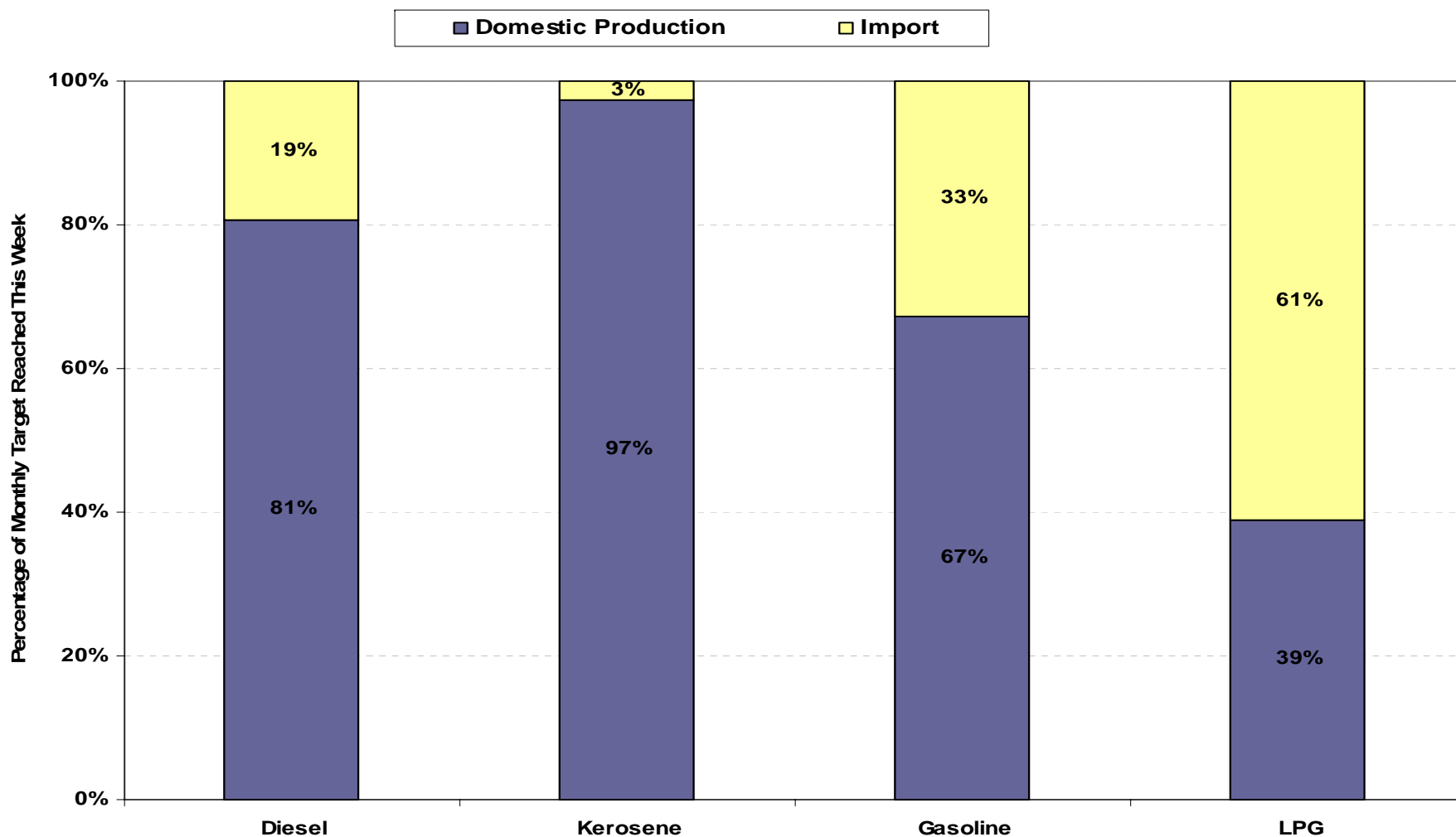
[5.0] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Crude Oil Export



- 2005 Revenue Estimate: \$23.5 Billion
- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$9.3 Billion (Year to Date)



[5.0] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies

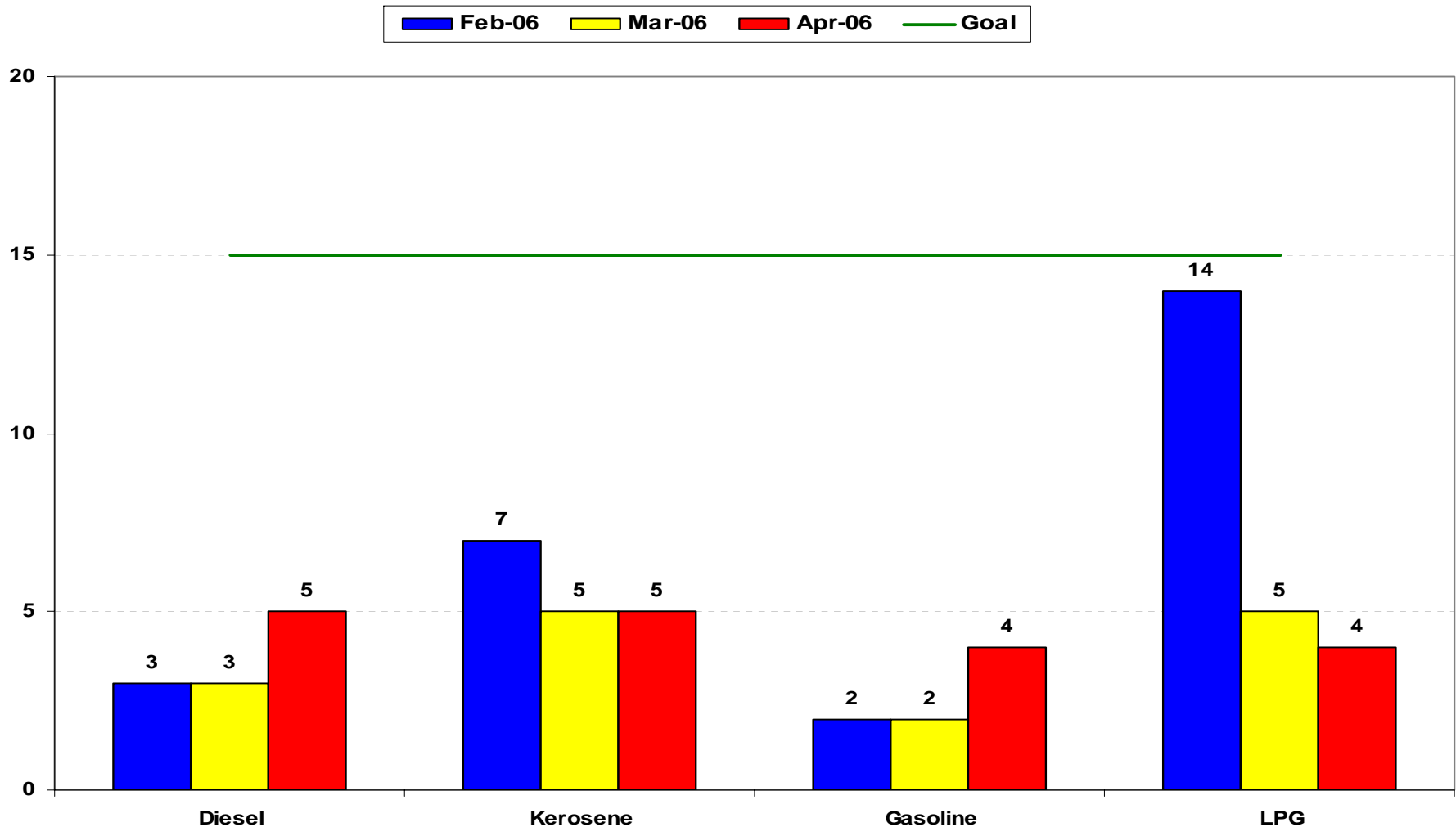


Note: This is a daily average for the week of April 24-30

- Diesel: 12.4 ML supply of 21.8 ML target
- Kerosene: 3.6 ML supply of 10.5 ML target
- Gasoline: 16.1 ML supply of 23.8 ML target
- LPG: 2,597 tons supply of 4,005 tons target



[5.0] Help Iraq Strengthen Its Economy – National Stock Levels



- The goal is to have on hand 15 days supply of all refined products, calculated on the basis of maximum consumption over the year and not adjusted for seasonal variation. The numbers given above are monthly averages.



[6.0] Help Iraq Strengthen the Rule of Law and Promote Civil Rights– Iraqi Judicial System

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CCCI Convicts 12 Insurgents, Three Sentenced to Life In Prison:

- The Central Criminal Court of Iraq convicted 12 security detainees April 19 through April 25 for various crimes including illegal border crossing, possessing illegal weapons and joining terrorist groups. The trial court found Hassan Hamid Abdulla Muhsin guilty of violating Article 194 of the Iraqi Penal Code for joining terrorist groups to endanger innocent people's lives and to unsettle the stability and security of Iraq and sentenced him to life imprisonment. Coalition Forces apprehended him Jan. 14, 2005, for being a member of the Abu Musab al-Zarqawi terrorist network. The defendant met personally with Zarqawi to receive instructions on conducting attacks. The defendant confessed to his involvement with the Mosul Terror Cell group and to being the person responsible for publishing terror cell compact discs and cassettes.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – **Developments**

Denmark to Reduce Troop Numbers in Iraq:

- The Politiken newspaper reported the Danish government plans to reduce Denmark's contingent in southern Iraq by one-fifth to some 400 troops. The report further claimed Foreign Minister Per Stig Moeller is to present an amendment on May 18 that would reduce the force by about 100 troops from the present 530 soldiers. Denmark's commitment does require a mandate renewal in May; however, it has not officially mentioned troop reductions when speaking of its mandate or amendments.

Iranian Troops Shell Iraq's Northern Border:

- Media sources report Iranian forces shelled a border area used by Iranian Kurdish rebels, forcing some families to flee their homes May 1 but causing no casualties. In Baghdad, Iraq's central government could not immediately confirm this. On April 30, Iranian artillery fired more than 180 shells into the same area of northern Iraq, also targeting Kurdish rebel bases but causing no casualties, the Iraqi government said. The Iraqi Ministry of Defense reported those shells landed near the Iraqi village of Haj Omran, about three miles inside the Iraq-Iran border. Press reported May 3 Iraqi FM Hoshyar Zebari said in parliament that the Iraqi government was use diplomacy to try to stop Iranian forces from shelling Kurdish rebel positions.



[7.] Increase International Support for Iraq – Contributors to Iraqi Stability Operations

Data as of May 3, 2006

26 Countries with forces in Iraq (in addition to US)

Albania	El Salvador	Lithuania	Romania
Armenia	Estonia	Macedonia	Slovakia
Australia	Georgia	Moldova	South Korea
Azerbaijan	Italy	Mongolia	Ukraine
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Japan	Netherlands	UK
Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Poland	
Denmark	Latvia	Portugal	

TOTAL ~ 20,000 Forces

*Note: Fiji participating as a part of the UN mission in Iraq.

29 Countries and NATO*
(including US)
Support Iraqi Stability Operations

*29 includes the 26 countries listed above, the US, Fiji, and Singapore.



[8.0] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- Speaking to local reporters in Baghdad on April 26, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld said that the “hope is that we will see the [Iraqi] government formed soon and that they will be people who are competent and capable and reflect the best interests of the Iraqi people. And I must say, I came away from my meetings with the government leaders today impressed with their seriousness of purpose, the constructive approach they take with each other and optimistic about their future.” Secretary of State Rice followed by saying that “we also gave a message that the United States wants to be a good partner for this new government. We understand the tremendous challenges that the government has. We understand the concerns of the Iraqi people, indeed the impatience of the Iraqi people to deal with the security situation, to provide economic opportunities and to make certain that Iraq is on the right road to democracy and prosperity, and we pledged our partnership to do that. The President wanted us to come out and make certain that the United States is ready to provide whatever help we can to the new Iraqi government.” But, she continued, “this is Iraq’s time and time for Iraq’s newly elected leaders to take on these responsibilities and to represent the desires and the aspirations of the Iraqi people who voted in large numbers, who faced down terrorists in order to vote and express themselves.”



[8.0] Strengthen Public Understanding of Coalition Efforts and Public Isolation of the Insurgents – **Developments**

Strategic Communications:

- After meeting with Secretaries Rice and Rumsfeld upon their return from Iraq, President Bush said that “a new Iraqi government represents a strategic opportunity for America – and the whole world, for that matter. This nation of ours and our coalition partners are going to work with the new leadership to strengthen our mutual efforts to achieve success, a victory in this war on terror. This is a – we believe this is a turning point for the Iraqi citizens, and it’s a new chapter in our partnership.”
- In the Rose Garden on May 1, the President also remarked that “this new [Iraqi] government is going to represent a new start for the Iraqi people. It’s a government that understands they’ve got serious challenges ahead of them.” He continued, “the Iraqi people need to know that we stand with them, that we understand the strategic importance of a free Iraq in the Middle East, and that we understand the need to deny safe haven to the terrorists who have caused such turmoil and havoc inside of Iraq.”



Special Addendum: Provincial Reconstruction Teams

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PRT Mission Statement:

- To assist Iraq's provincial governments with developing a transparent and sustained capability to govern, promoting increased security and rule of law, promoting political and economic development, and providing provincial administration necessary to meet the basic needs of the population.

Provincial Reconstruction Team Concept:

- The PRT concept was developed to improve on Regional Embassy Office (REO) and Provincial Support Team (PST) programs. The PRTs are a civil-military operation led by the civilians with extensive support from U.S. and Coalition Forces. The PRTs are an integrated capacity-building effort built around Local Governance Program (LGP) and include support from other agencies to cover all key capacity development needs.



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PRT Operations Update:

- PRTs have been established in Ninawa, Babil, Kirkuk, Baghdad, and Anbar province. The teams are comprised of representatives from the U.S. Department of State, United States Agency for International Development, Multi-National Force – Iraq, Department of Justice, Gulf Regional Division of the Army Corps of Engineers, Multi-National Corps – Iraq and Coalition partners. All have strong training, mentoring and developmental capability, and they become even more effective by working together. “The improvement of the provincial governments’ capacity to improve the lives of the Iraqi people is not only important to the United States and to the Iraqis, but to the world, as well,” said U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Zalmay Khalilzad. “A successful Iraq will reshape the future of the Middle East, and the future of the Middle East will reshape the future of the world. This is why the PRTs are not strictly an American venture.”

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